



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7011-N-12]

14-day Notice of Emergency Approval of an Information Collection: The Housing Counseling Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HUD has requested from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) emergency approval of the information collection described in this notice.

DATES: Comments Due Date: **[14 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Colette Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A.

The *Federal Register* notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 14 days was published on **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Housing Counseling Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0261.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD 9902, HUD 9906, SF-424, HUD-424CB, SF-425, SF-LLL, HUD 2880.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use:

This information is collected in connection with HUD's Housing Counseling Program and will be used by HUD to determine that the Housing Counseling grant applicant meets the requirements of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Information collected is also used to assign points for awarding grant funds on a competitive and equitable basis. HUD's Office of Housing counseling will also use the information to provide housing counseling services through private or public organizations with special competence and knowledge in counseling low and moderate-income families. The information is collected from housing counseling agencies that participate in the HUD Housing Counseling Program. The information is collected via the HUD 9902 (grant activity report) and the form 9906 (grant application chart).

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3375.

Estimated Number of Responses: 9900.

Frequency of Response: 2.93.

Average Hours per Response: 65.78.

Total Estimated Burdens: 651,229.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond: including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35

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